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TAGS: SREF, PFOR, CVIS, VS, SN

SUBJECT: FRENCH ASSISTANCE FOR POTENTIAL AMERICAN
IMMIGRANTS IN VIETNAM

REF: SINGAPORE 1499

1. CONCUR IN SINGAPORE'S FORWARDING PETITIONS TO BANGKOK.
2. ALSO AGREE IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE FEASIBLE FOR VIETNAMESE ALREADY RECEIVING FUNDS AND LETTERS FROM AMCITS TO CLAIM TIES TO FRANCE, UNLESS THEY IN FACT DO HAVE SUCH TIES. WE UNDERSTAND SOME AMCITS HAVE CONCEALED THEIR TIES TO VIETNAMESE BY CORRESPONDING THROUGH FRANCE OR ANOTHER THIRD COUNTRY, IN THE HOPE THIS WOULD FACILITATE
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